Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc.

Welcome to the

42nd ANNUAL OFFICIALS AWARDS & ALUMNI BANQUET



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AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Mark Uyl, Executive Director, MHSAA Brent Rice, Assistant Director, MHSAA Presentation of VERN L. NORRIS Award to Lewis Clingman

VIDEO PROGRAM

John Ross, Director of Broadcast Properties, MHSAA

PLEASE USE THIS PROCEDURE TO RECEIVE YOUR PLAQUES:

- 1. We will recognize 20-year, 30-year, 40-year, 45-year, and then 50-year recipients.
- 2. Award recipients will come to the stage and introduce themselves, stating name and city.
- 3. Awards will be presented to recipients as they leave the stage to return to their seats.
- 4. If anyone is unable to come forward to announce his/her name, please send someone to accept the award on behalf of the recipient who will be recognized at his/her seat.
- 5. Only officials listed in this program will be recognized at this banquet.

CONGRATULATIONS — 50-YEAR OFFICIALS

James Aalderink Grand Rapids Henry Aapala Bessemer **John Amend** Caro Chet Boss Macomb **Paul Chaffee** Owosso **Collette Hallberg** Warren **John Hardy** Howell **Ozzie Hashley** lackson

Nancy Hebert Tecúmseh George Kniola Grand Rapids Mike Luttenberger Troy John Malatinsky Holt **Richard Miller** Detroit **Gregory Nikitas** Delton Joseph Popiel Spring Lake **Richard Randle** Battle Creek

Edwin Rappuhn Owosso Deborah Schug Marcellus Robert Studer Prudenville Riley Swinehart Comstock Park William Upina Warren Don Vogt Plymouth Paul Williams Mesick

CONGRATULATIONS — 45-YEAR OFFICIALS

William Allen Cadillac Laura Alves Livonia **Daniel Bentschneider** Michigan Center **Robert Brodie** Flat Rock Jerome Chaumley Pontiac **Dennis Clark** Clinton Township Mary Colenbrander Holland Ardis Jill Conat Jackson John Flukes Saginaw Thomas Ford Bowling Green **Cliff Fossitt** McMillan **Edward Gabrys** Northville Frank Gawkowski Portage **Kim Heisler** Freeland **David Hoeh** Kaleva James Holm Baraga George-Tom Johnson Gaylord

Dennis King Bloomfield Hills Thomas Kruithoff Holland **Dale Kutchev** Clarkston Jerry Lasceski Fáirgrove Kevin Leary Gaylord Evan Lehto Highland Kim Losik Three Rivers Wayne Marshall Gladstone **Raymond Martin** Sturgis Robert Maule Hermansville W. Jack Morris Bloomfield Hills Michael Muldowney Traverse City Sandra Noto Wyoming John Oczepek Saginaw Timothy Osterman Portage Peter Pericolosi Oconto William Post

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Thomas Rahilly Newberry Jerry Reddinger Irón Mountain Allen Schuch Manitou Beach **Barbara Shelley** Holland **David Smits** Holland Michael Steinkraus Gladwin James Stone Trov David Sutton Swartz Creek Julius Traub Fort Gratiot Patricia Treman Grand Rapids **John Vaara** Hancock Duane VandenHeuvel Norton Shores George Watterson Caledonia Kenneth Wozniak Posen Karen Yanna Lansing

CONGRATULATIONS — 40-YEAR OFFICIALS

Tom Adams Evart Michael Antonides Ionia Gordon Bade Lapeer **James Bales** Allen Park William Baumgart Plymouth **Patrick Beagle** Wixom **Onesiphorus Burrel Sr.** Muskegon Marge Caid Constantine **Robert Coward** Quincy Joseph Dechow Maple City Brian Dinsmore Livonia Mark Ditsworth Lansing Michael Duffy Grand Rapids Matt Emerick West Branch **David Eubank** Battle Creek Dennis Evans New Hudson **James Evans** Smiths Creek

Melville Foster Muskegon Mike Fuller Ionia Todd Geerlings Muskegon William Gomoluch Deerfield Dennis Hall Traverse City Rick Hazel Kentwood Robert Kirkland Detroit **Clare Kreger** Mayville Wilford Laveirge Madison Heights Philip Lieblang Sterling Heights Jerry Mais Pórtage Michael Maisner Okemos Gerald Marenkewicz Flushing Jeanne Martin Canton Randall Martinus Norton Shores John Mever Iron Mountain Robert Mol Spring Lake

Jim Murray Howell Mitchell Olejniczak Davison Mark Robinson DeWitt Lee Rodgers Holt William Root Roscommon Linda Schmidt Zeeland Thomas Shearer Grand Rapids John Shears Ludington Edward Smith Battle Creek Jerald Sosnowski Trov James Valliere Grosse Pointe Shores Roger Wenzel Rogers City Jeffrey Wierzbicki Grand Rapids Curtis Williams Grand Blanc Kelvin Wise Grosse Pointe Park Iohn Wright Jr. Canton

CONGRATULATIONS — 30-YEAR OFFICIALS

lim Adrian Norton Shores Darlene Barber Detroit Charles Barrett Dansville **David Becker** Gaylord Thomas Behmlander Freeland Michael Blom Waterford Pete Boyd Plainwell **Douglas Boylan** Mŏnroe Steven Bredeweg Holland

Kathleen Bridge Detroit **Diane Buttermore** Kalkaska Scott Chase Hillsdale **Robert Cichowski** Clinton Township Robert Conway Grosse Pointe Farms John Day Midland Gene Debbaudt Grand Rapids **Richard Deisler** Ottawa Lake Laurie DeWitt lenison

Michael Dobson Detroit David Driscoll Caledonia Robert Edelberg Sr. Benton Harbor Larry Edwards Benton Harbor Mary Fairbanks Rógers City Thomas Farley Grand Rapids Gretchen Galloway Zeeland Kevin Gilligan Allegan Brian Gould Mt Pleasant

CONGRATULATIONS — 30-YEAR OFFICIALS

Cary Grant Battle Creek **John Greathouse** Holt **Douglas Grezeszak** West Branch Chris Grimes Kalamazoo Randall Gross Sr. Dowagiac **Kevin Haun** Portage **David Hoard** Cass City Dixie Hoeh Kaleva **Richard Hunt** Swartz Creek Robert Iwasko Sterling Heights Glenn Jablonowski Roseville Chad Jackson Battle Creek **Howard Jackson** Stevensville Laurence Jacobs III Bay City Anthony Johnson Redford Charles Johnson Sr. White Lake Mike Jordon Clark Lake Earl Kage Reed City Chris LaMange Grand Rapids Stephen Laubaugh Hastings Clinton Lawrence Northville William Lawton Holland **James Marker** Allen Park **Francis Mason** Belding Edward Mcconnell Ann Arbor Penny McDonald Cadillac **Brooks McIntyre** Rockford Jason Meachum

Hartford

Murray Meehan Sault Ste Marie Steve Miller Warren Michael Moreau Flint **John Morris** Livonia Sandra Muzzy Bessemer Kenneth Nolte St Joseph Michael Ogden concord Curtis Olexa Iron River Paul Pantaleo Bridgman Troy Perkins Webberville Michael Petlick St Joseph **Dennis Phelps** Charlevoix John Rakowski Shelby Township Brian Reicks Roscommon Douglas Rizzi Macomb Carol Ross Wyoming Brian Russell Portland Tammy Sedlar-Wing Beulah **Raymond Smith** Roval Oak Scott Smith Grand Rapids Tim Somers Lincoln Edward St Arnauld Iron Mountain **Roger Steele** Battle Creek Michael Stevenson Jr. Adrian John Straight Mt Pleasant Mark Swets Grand Rapids Randy Tarzwell Chárlevoix Raymond Thomas Jr. Holland

Clinton Todd Jr. Muskegon Robert VanDamme Rock Scott Vanderberg Grand Haven Jerry VandeVyver Eastpointe Matthew Vertin Laurium Norman Vogt East Jordan Mark Volkers Holland Cornelius Walker Jr. Saginaw Michael Walters Mattawan Theodore Wegienka Flat Rock Wallace Whitfield Southfield Candice Whitney Bellevue Robert Wolf Wayland Robert Wolsek Wyandotte Aaron Woodbury Northville

CONGRATULATIONS — 20-YEAR OFFICIALS

Robert Altizer Canton **Quentin Alverson** DeWitt Robert Barrett Leslie Larry Barrons Deford Tony Beaulieu Berklev **Michael Belmonte** North Muskegon Wade Bent Marcellus **Amy Bessler** Madison Heights Mario Blocton Oak Park Robert Bluhm Jr. Bay City Mark Bradburn Lowell **Kevin Brown** Temperance Perry Brunetti Royal Oak Robert Busakowski Iron River Michael Byrd Detroit Patrick Campbell Saginaw John Cantu Pontiac Jeffrey Carper Holland William Carstens Burt **Brad Champagne** Bay City Joseph Ciaravino Brownstown Township Donald Clements St. Helen David Coenen Armada Noelle Cole Metamora Joseph Corso Dearborn Anthony Costello Portland **Thomas Courchaine** Crystal Falls Carl Cress Ada William Cunningham Grosse Pointe Farms Don Cvengros Ironwood **Bill Dean** Swartz Creek

Robert Deschaine Ir. Marinette Andrew Discher Hastings Kevin Duits Woodland Christopher Duprey South Lyon Paul Durkee Lowell **Timothy Eastman** Kalamazoo Felipe Echeverria Saginaw William Edberg Iron Mountain **Robert Emery** Mt Morris Mark Emmendorfer Montrose John Essenmacher Lenox Township **Melissa Flores** Brighton James Forton Sheridan lames Frizzell Sr. Kaleva Steve Fuhst Cadillac Dana Fuller Ann Arbor Richard Funk Grandville **Ryan Galloway** Burt Scott Galloway Coldwater Nicholas Gayan Kingsford Raymond Geist Grosse Ile Barbara Gemellaro Rochester **Dennis Gerlach** Brockway Chris German Lowell Joseph Geroux Alto Troy Gladstone Holt Franco Gonzalez Jr. Brownstown Township Alan Granger Mullett Lake Nathan Gross lackson Jerry Haines Freeland David Hansen Roscommon

Vance Hardiman Pontiac Paul Harley Wakefield Jeff Harp Alto Steven Hedke Grand Rapids Eric Hoerle Trenton **Kevin Holden** Monroe Janelle Holland Kalamazoo Chris Hyzer St Johns Roman Jablonski Warren Ronald Jacobs Macomb Township John Jakubiec Grand Haven Michael James Grand Rapids Pattrick Jansens Hastings Mark Jarlock Frankenmuth Ronald Jenkins Muskegon Heights Jermaine Jennings Kentwood Arthur Jones Clinton township Dave Jones Traverse City Donell Jones Kentwoood **Douglas** Jones Battle Creek **Keith Jones** Nashville George Kantz Jr. Holland Stan Karchefske Dearborn heights Matt Kateman Flint Penny Keener St. Johns Robert King Kalamazoo Kenneth Koehler Grawn Kevin Krauss Grand Rapids Rachel Krone Clinton Township Jean LaClair Sturgis Ken Lauer l ivonia

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Alton Laupp Paw Paw Robert Leadley Dexter Charles Leduc Empire Eric Lee Southfield Kevin Leeman Marysville Thomas Lewis Saginaw Michael Ley Lake Orion **Timothy Likens** Grand Rapids John Lindeman South Lyon Roger Lintemuth Mt Pleasant Dwayne Little Waterford Douglas Lutkenhoff Sr. Washington Gordon Machleit Macomb Frank Marinello Stanton Mark Masters New Baltimore Ronald Masters Grand Rapids Curtis Mathieu Manistee Scott Maurer <u>Jack</u>son Ted May Ravenna John Mayer Remus **Daniel McIntyre** Saginaw Sharvon McNab Westland **David McPhail** Madison Heights Gary Medland Hubbard Lake Brian Mendyk Owosso lack Miles Drummond Island Darrin Millar Troy Jerry Miller Leslie Lawrence Mills Garden City **Rick Mitchell** Paw Paw lim Nate Dowagiac

Rebecca Neff Three Rivers Steve Nesovski Canton Cheri Nitz Sebewaing Deborah Noble Kalamazoo Nicholas Nowakowski Bruce Township Mark Parrinello Northville Steven Peine Battle Creek John Pell Fremont Megan Pell Grand Rapids Larry Pierce Brownstown Aaron Porter Williamston Duncan Powell Belmont Michael Roach Brownstown Holly Roth-Guza , Sebewaing Jeffery Rule Ontonagon David Ryall Clinton Township Gerald Saunders Breckenridge Gail Scharffe III Cheboygan David Schoenegge White Lake Adam Schrauben Portland Gary Schulz Essexville Ronald Scudder Saint Joseph Christopher Sholander Negaunee Dennis Simnitch Swartz Creek Gary Simpson Lansing Thomas Siver Grand Rapids Brian Smith Detroit **Ed Smith** Three Rivers **Ronald Stewart** Battle Creek Daniel Stockel Caledonia Rick Stockhill Kent Citv

Leonard Strait Jr. Chesaning **Barb Streeter** Saginaw Rodney Sullens Belleville Thomas Sumner Ann Arbor Dan Sweet Perrinton **Timothy Swope** Grayling Martin Taylor Greenville Michael Torrey Holland **Troy Ungrey** Grandville Michael VanDyke Rockford Keith Verellen White Lake **Robert Wagley** Kalamazoo William Walter Bay City Brad Wehner Linwood Joseph Whitman Davison John Wiercinski Hudsonville Jason Wildey Saginaw Gaylon Williams Detroit Keith Williams Kalamazoo **Todd Willis** Flushing Anthony Winston Lansing Keven Wolcott Hillsdale John Woods Rockford Derick Woodworth Swartz Creek Pete Zapata Battle Creek Robert Zbytowski Oakland

2021 NORRIS WINNER LEW CLINGMAN

A staple of Michigan High School Athletic Association postseason track & field events for more than three decades, Grand Rapids' **Lewis Clingman** continues to serve as an easily-recognizable host of Regionals and Finals in that sport for teams from all over the Lower Peninsula each spring. But his tireless service to school sports stretches across the entire school year and is rooted in 53 years as an MHSAA-registered game official, and those contributions are being celebrated with his selection for this year's MHSAA Vern L. Norris Award.



The Norris Award is presented annually to a veteran official who has been active in a local officials association, has mentored other officials,

and has been involved in officials' education. It is named for Vern L. Norris, who served as executive director of the MHSAA from 1978-86 and was well-respected by officials on the state and national levels.

Clingman was to be honored with his Norris Award at the MHSAA's 42nd Officials' Awards & Alumni Banquet. However, the banquet was canceled for the second-straight year due to safety concerns over COVID-19. He instead will accept his award as part of a virtual banquet to be published on the MHSAA Website and social media feeds later in 2021.

Clingman first registered as an MHSAA official for the 1968-69 school year, to work track & field, basketball, baseball and softball. He has registered for track & field throughout his 53-year officiating tenure, and added cross country during the 2009-10 school year. He has officiated nine cross country and four track & field MHSAA Finals.

But that just scratches the surface of his many contributions. He is noted by many as a mentor – 2018 Norris Award honoree Jill Baker-Cooley that year specifically recognized Clingman among those who assisted her in getting started in the avocation. He also has been a catalyst of the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Track & Field Finals' two-decade run in the Grand Rapids area, where as a meet manager he continues to schedule and organize officials for all four locations of the season-ending series.

"I love being with the kids. It's for the kids. And that's why we're here," Clingman said. "The camaraderie with the other professionals I'm with, and just watching the successes that go on. ... But I love being with the kids. My kids are all gone; they're all over the country, my grandkids are around the country.

"If you're in this for ego, you're in the wrong business. And if you're in this to make a lot of money and retire, you're in the wrong business."

Clingman is a longtime member of the Association of Track Officials of Michigan (ATOM) and has received its Bob Bloomer Award, Bernie Abrams President's Leadership Award, Art Jevert/Bruce Jacobs Distinguished Service Award, and three times its Past President's Service Award. He also is a member of the West Michigan Officials Association.

Clingman also has served more than 40 years as an administrator, teacher and coach. He began his career at Holy Trinity Catholic School in Comstock Park, serving as middle school athletic director and basketball coach while also coaching football and track at Comstock Park High School. He served as head boys basketball and track coach and football assistant at Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills during the second half of the 1970s and after also serving as head basketball coach for five seasons at St. Joseph's Prep in Grand Rapids.

He moved on to serve as athletic director at East Grand Rapids High School, then after a brief stint in the business world began a 20-year tenure teaching middle school for Grand Rapids Public Schools before retiring from GRPS in 2011. During that time he became the spring event manager at Houseman Field, where at its peak he hosted on average a combined nine high school and college track meets per week. He also during his time at GRPS served as an assistant coach in football, basketball and track at Grand Rapids Catholic Central. He joined the staff at Catholic Central seven years ago and continues to serve as event manager and assistant to the athletic director.

Clingman and his wife Cindy have been married 52 years. They have four children, 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

VERN L. NORRIS AWARD



VERN L. NORRIS MHSAA Executive Director 1978 - 1986

Assistant Director 1963-68 Associate Director 1968-78

The Vern L. Norris Award is presented annually since 1992 to a veteran MHSAA athletic official. He or she must also have been active in a local officials association, mentored other officials, and have been involved in officials education.

Previous Norris Award Winners



1992 Ted Wilson East Detroit



1993 Fred Briggs Sr. Burton



1994 Joe Brodie Flat Rock



1995 Jim Massar Flint



1996 James Lamoreaux St. Ignace



1997 Ken Myllyla Escanaba



1998 Blake Hagman Kalamazoo



1999 Richard Kalahar Jackson

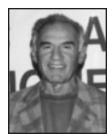
Previous Norris Award Winners



2000 Barb Beckett Traverse City



2000 Karl Newingham Bay City



2001 Herb Lipschultz Kalamazoo



2002 Robert Scholie Hancock



2003 Ron Nagy Hazel Park



2004 Carl Van Heck Grand Rapids



2005 Bruce Moss Alma



2006 Jeanne Skinner Grand Rapids



2007 Terry R. Wakeley Grayling



2008 Will Lynch Honor



2009 James Danhoff Richland



2010 John Juday Sr. Petoskey

Previous Norris Award Winners



2011 Robert Williams Redford



2012 Lyle Berry Rockford



2013 Tom Minter Okemos



2014 Hugh Jewell Detroit



2015 Sam Davis Lansing



2016 Linda Hoover Marshall



2017 Mike Gentry Shelby Township



2018 Jill Baker-Cooley Big Rapids



2019 David Buck St. Joseph



2020 Hugh Matson Saginaw

Officials for Kids

Officials for Kids originated in Lansing in 2003 to support local fundraising efforts of Coaches for Kids and Athletes for Kids to construct a dedicated pediatric emergency room and waiting room at Sparrow Hospital. Since then, Officials for Kids has grown statewide to assist the Children's Miracle Network hospitals in Michigan with a variety of projects.



The Children's Miracle Network is a non-profit organization which raises funds for 174 children's hospitals across North America, including the four in Michigan: William Beaumont Hospital (Detroit); Helen DeVos Children's Hospital (Grand Rapids); Hurley Medical Center (Flint), and Sparrow Hospital (Lansing).

STATEWIDE OBJECTIVES

- Promote good health for Michigan youth
- Support outstanding health care for Michigan children
- Enhance the public image of sports officials in Michigan

STRATEGIES

Establish alliances between Michigan's four Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and local officials' associations to:

- Underwrite specific program, operational, and capital expenses of these CMN hospitals
- Promote and provide volunteer support for events which are consistent with these goals and objectives

For more information, please visit the Officials page of the Michigan High School Athletic Association Web site, **mhsaa.com**, or contact **Andrea Osters** at:

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